

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Accomack County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 12, 2013 to February 11, 2013

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Kuzzens, Inc.; 3769 Grapeland Circle, Exmore, Virginia 23550; GW0069100

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Melfa Farm; from the Town of Melfa, head north on State Rd 639, turn right onto State Rd 672 (Fair Oaks Rd.) Farm is on the right.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Kuzzens, Inc. has applied for an expanded permit for Melfa Farm in Accomack County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 150,685 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will be used to recharge an irrigation pond used for crop irrigation on the farm's property. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at a depth between 115 feet to 200 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifers may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on maps that can be viewed at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/GroundwaterPermitting/PublicNotices.aspx>

HOW TO COMMENT AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Brenda Brown; Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA, 23462; Phone: (757) 518-2188; E-mail: brenda.brown@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: (757) 518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.